

**STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE FOR  
MEMBER OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL**

**SUSAN HITCHCOCK**

**Age: 53**

**Occupation:** Elementary School Principal

My education and qualifications are: Master's Degree in Education, UOP & Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration/Finance, CSUS

Preserving Lodi's quality-of-life and safe, small-town character must be ever present as we make decisions. As your representative I must establish City goals and priorities based on balanced community input, i.e. indoor sports center, animal shelter and aquatics center.

A greenbelt between Lodi and Stockton must be established to preserve our community identity, conserve agricultural land and protect open-space.

Managed growth must guarantee funding for new schools before allowing new housing development, so children attend neighborhood schools.

My financial background compels a conservative approach to budgeting and financing debt; we cannot continue to "spend and borrow" and increase taxes. We must find an economical solution to clean up ground water contamination.

Public trust is only created when Councilmembers do the public's business in public, are honest, openly listen, think critically, exercise common sense, and are unafraid to ask the hard and difficult questions. The strength to stand alone for beliefs that commit to the values of the community is essential.

It is an honor to serve as your voice on the Lodi City Council; I appreciate your support in my re-election.